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directed to one or more surfaces of the structure to be cleaned in a sheeting manner.

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19. The system of claim 11 wherein the structure is a gas turbine bucket.

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 5, 2002. By way of this amendment, claims 11 and 19 have been amended. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached paper is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE." Claims 1-19 are currently pending in the application, although claims 1-10 have been withdrawn from consideration. Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Restriction has been required between (I) claims 1-10, drawn to a method of cleaning and (II) claims 11-19, drawn to a system for cleaning. Applicant hereby affirms the provisional election, with traverse, of Group II, claims 11-19.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed for the following reasons. The Examiner states that restriction is proper because the inventions are distinct and require separate classification and/or divergent fields of search. However, applicant respectfully traverses this restriction requirement on the basis that the requisite serious burden on the Examiner set forth in MPEP § 803 does not appear to exist. It is noted that the separate classifications asserted by the Examiner are simply two related subclasses in the same class. Although the classifications may differ slightly, applicant believes that the two inventions are so closely related that the field of search necessary to properly